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OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR 1935-1936

GEORGE J. BLAZIER, President, Marietta College Library. FREDA SILVER, Secretary, Lima Public Library. EDWARD A. HENRY, Treasurer, University of Cincinnati. Vice-Presidents: HELEN M. FOCKE, Cleveland Public Library. LOUISE A. HAWLEY, Milan Public Library. MARION M. KING, Stow Public Library.

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OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION FOR 1935-36

THE SECTIONS

College and University Section

Chairman, Miss Gertrude Wulfkoetter, University of Cincinnati.

Secretary, Miss Ilse Wilhelmi, Ohio State University.

Junior Members Section

President, Miss Helen M. Focke, Cleveland.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Norma O. Ireland, University of Akron.

THE COMMITTEES

Anniversary

Miss Effie Power, Cleveland, Chairman

Miss Roena A. Ingham, Lakewood.

Certification

Chalmers Hadley, Cincinnati, Chairman.

Mrs. Paul W. Alexander, Maumee, (Trustees).

Miss Helen M. Focke, Cleveland (Junior Members Section).

Miss Alice R. Gladden, Salem, (Small Libraries).

Miss E. Louise Lewis, Columbus, (High School).

Miss Jessie J. Smith, Hiram, (College).

Classified Directory

Miss Marion M. King, Stow, Chairman.

Extension

To be filled.

Legislative

Carl Vitz, Toledo, Chairman.

Paul North Rice, Dayton.

Miss Linda A. Eastman, Cleveland.

Chalmers Hadley, Cincinnati.

Clarence W. Sumner, Youngstown.

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CLEVELAND, AND AFTER

The Cleveland Convention, October 8-9-10, 1935, marking the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Association, stands first in attendance records. The number present stands at nine hundred and sixty-five. It was a fitting celebration commemorating the founders, their aims, their efforts and their accomplishments through an organized association. Miss Eastman's talk at the banquet imparted to those present the spirit of those founders.

The records of the business meetings provide much material for a program for 1936. The nominating committee for 1936 was elected at the closing session, a change calculated to give this body ample time in which to do its work. There was also the authorization of a committee to draft a certification law and report at the 1936 convention. The College and University Section reported the completion of the Regional Periodical List. The Section was authorized to print, (mimeograph), the work which will be offered for sale when ready. State aid to libraries was reported a fact, and distribution has since been authorized. State and Federal planning was reported on.

The new executive committee began the year at Columbus November 8 with all members present except one who was detained because of illness. The names of the committees are printed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Dr. Thwing's address on Andrew Carnegie was a fitting memorial to the man and a message of hope for the

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Will H. Collins, Akron.
Mrs. Carl A. Norman, Columbus.

Legislative Steering
Carl Vitz, Toledo, Chairman
Paul North Rice, Dayton.
James J. Weadock, Lima.
Frederick W. Dorn, Cleveland.

Membership
Edward A. Henry, University of Cincinnati, Chairman, and his appointments.

Nominating Committee for 1936
Earl N. Manchester, Ohio State University, Chairman.
Miss Roena A. Ingham, Lakewood.
Mrs. Grace Keator, Dayton.
Dr. R. B. Miller, Ohio Wesleyan University.
Miss Katherine E. Wilder, Rocky River.

Publicity
James C. Foutts, State Library, Chairman.
Paul A. T. Noon, State Library.
Miss Mildred Sandoe, State Library.

State Aid to Libraries
Miss Georgie G. McAfee, Lima, Chairman.
Miss Alma Huggins, Urichsville.
Miss Corinne A. Metz, Akron.
Miss Louise Prouty, Cleveland.
One Place to be Filled.

State Planning
Carl Vitz, Toledo, Temporary Chairman.

CITIZENS LIBRARY COMMITTEE
Province M. Pogue, Chairman, ex-officio.
Dr. M. H. Lichliter, Columbus.
Mrs. S. H. Bing, Athens.
Miss Elizabeth Haymaker, Ravenna.

Ohio Library Association Committee
George J. Blazier, Chairman, ex-officio.
Miss Linda A. Eastman, Cleveland.
Chalmers Hadley, Cincinnati.
Herbert S. Hirschberg, Cleveland.

Ohio Library Trustees Association Committee
Frederick W. Dorn, Cleveland, Chairman, ex-officio.
Benjamin S. Motter, Lima.
Morison R. Waite, Cincinnati.
Mrs. P. H. Flynn, Xenia.

future. All librarians are deeply interested and exceedingly grateful for the great work begun by Mr. Carnegie. From a boyhood impression, the result of having access to a Pittsburgh gentleman's private collection of a few hundred books for a brief afternoon each week, of reading therein, and the privilege to take one book for the week, has come to America and Great Britain nearly three thousand library buildings, and the benefactions of his legal successor, the Carnegie Corporation, funds for book collections, spread of library organization over hitherto dark places in the library world, and arrangements for further professional direction of library interests. In the annual report of the Carnegie Corporation recently published, there was appropriated for direct library interests alone the sum of $406,-450.00 or over eleven per cent of the total gifts.

Andrew Carnegie's feeling of what a wonderful accomplishment it might be if every boy and girl had access to a public collection of books has gone far. In beginning the forty-first year's work of the Association, we have much for which we can be grateful in professional developments. We have, too, a more intelligent interest in what can be done before the celebration of the golden anniversary.

REGIONAL LIST OF PERIODICALS

The Regional List of Periodicals which has been compiled by Guy R. Lyle and his committee, appointed two years ago, and the printing thereof authorized at the Cleveland Convention by the association, is ready for the printer. Miss Gertrude Wulfkoetter, assistant Librarian of the University of Cincinnati has charge of the final compilation and printing. Miss Eleanor F. Moore of Antioch College Library has given much of her time and skill to the work. The copies will be ready for distribution by early spring. Two hundred copies will be printed.

Full information relative to the sale of this valuable list will appear in an

early issue of "Ohio Libraries," the publicity bulletin. A separate prospectus concerning the advance sale is being sent to the college and university libraries and a selected list of libraries outside Ohio.

The compiling of this list has been a mammoth undertaking. Mr. Lyle, who has since joined the faculty of the University of Illinois, and his capable committee members should be congratulated on their work.

OHIO LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

The new officers of the Ohio Library Trustees Association are as follows:

President, Frederick W. Dorn, 767 Union Trust Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Vice President, Mrs. S. S. Wyer, 1325 Cambridge Place, Grandview Heights, Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer, Harry M. Jacobs, 333 Kensington Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

A TRI-STATE MEETING AT TOLEDO

One of the news items that should be in the "Cleveland and After" column is the annual meeting for 1936. The Executive Committee decided at the meeting November 8 to join with the Indiana and Michigan associations for a tri-state meeting. The place suggested by Ohio and agreed upon by the other two associations is Toledo. The last regional meeting of the three states was held in 1925 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ohio and Indiana joined in a convention in 1930 at Dayton.

Since this decision, the presidents of the three associations, Miss Cerene Ohr of the Indiana Association, Public Library, Indianapolis, Mr. Samuel W. McAllister, of the Michigan Association, Associate Librarian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mr. Blazier, have met pursuant of the Executive Committee's decision of their respective associations, in Toledo, November 29, with Mr. Carl Vitz, librarian of the Toledo Public Library, Mrs. Mary Gillham, University of Toledo, and Miss Jessie Welles. The preliminary plans and allocations of responsibilities were decided upon. The dates of the annual convention will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 15, 16, and 17, 1936. The headquarters will be the Commodore Perry Hotel.

Matters of building the general, the Section, and the Round Table programs are going forward, announcements of which will be made in this bulletin and in the Publicity Committee's bulletin "Ohio Libraries", from time to time throughout the coming months.

THE CLASSIFIED LIST OF LIBRARIANS

For several years there has been the need for a classified list of librarians, both members and non-members of the Ohio Library Association. This year a committee, whose chairman is Marion M. King, Stow, Ohio, is compiling such a directory. Once such a list is compiled the work of keeping it up-to-date will not be great. It is hoped that all heads of libraries will respond promptly to Miss King's request for a list, properly classified, in order that the work will go forward as speedily as possible.

PAUL NORTH RICE GOES TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Paul North Rice, last year's chairman of the Legislative Committee, Past President of the Association (1930-31) and librarian of the Dayton Public Library since 1927, has been called by New York University to fill the newly created position of Director of Libraries. Mr. Rice will assume his new duties in February. The first work of the new director will be to place the various libraries of the university into one system.

Mr. Rice's first position was in Ohio as Reference Assistant at Ohio State University Library. He then was called to the New York Public Library where he was Reference assistant, chief of Accessions Division, and finally chief of the Preparations Division. This service was interrupted for two years when he was

a soldier in the World War.

Resolutions expressing regret over losing Mr. Rice and words of congratulation and good wishes in his new work were passed by the Executive Committee at the meeting November 8, 1935. Mr. Rice on receiving a copy of the resolutions replied as follows:

"Thank you very much for your formal expression of regret on the part of the Ohio Library Association that I am leaving the state of Ohio. I count my association with the O.L.A. as one of the most pleasant associations I have had during my years as Librarian of the Dayton Public Library. I expect to keep my membership in your Association and so continue to receive the Bulletin. It has been a joy for me to serve the Association as I could in legislative matters and it is a source of great satisfaction that Mr. Vitz has again agreed to become chairman of the Legislative Committee."

JUNIOR MEMBERS SECTION

The Junior Members Round Table of the past two years is now the Junior Members Section. On November 8, 1935, the Executive Committee, acting accordingly on the by-law, Article III, Section 2,—"the Executive Committee may authorize the organizations of sections of library workers within the association"—acted favorably on the petition of the Junior Members, thereby creating a new section. The history of this active body is told herewith by the secretary, Mrs. Norma O. Ireland.

"The Junior Members Round Table held its initial meeting October 9, 1934 at the state convention of the Ohio Library Association held in Akron, Ohio. Miss Miriam Rothenberg of Cincinnati acted as temporary chairman at the meeting, and also at the luncheon meeting the day following. The main purpose of the two meetings was to effect an organization, to formulate a constitution, and to elect officers, etc. At the luncheon meeting October 10, 1934, Miss Helen Focke of Cleveland was elected chairman and Mrs. Norma Olin Ireland of Akron was elected secretary.

After her election, Miss Focke immediately embarked upon plans for a state program, including the formation of various local groups, taking part in district meetings of the Association, etc.

At the state convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 9, 1935, over two hundred members of the Junior Members Round Table voted to become a Section of the Ohio Library Association, which privilege was later granted them. The constitution of the group was revised and adopted at this meeting. Representatives of the various local groups within the state told of their programs and projects during the past year. Four speeches on various phases of librarianship, of interest to junior librarians, were then given, as follows:

Miss Polly Post, of Canton,—"Certification."

Miss Helen Focke, of Cleveland,—"Summer and extension courses."

Mrs. Eleanor Berkshire, of Cincinnati,—"Graduate study for librarians."

Mrs. Norman Olin Ireland, of Akron,—"Scholarships and fellowships for librarians."

The work of the Junior Members is just beginning, and the future is bright. There are now subsidiary groups in six Ohio cities, or districts: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo, Sixteenth Congressional district, and Akron. Plans are being made to cooperate with the A. L. A. junior members section, in order that the Ohio group may become an integral part not only of the state, but of the national organization as well."

Besides the above accomplishments the Junior Members are working on plans which are outlined as follows:

"The O.L.A. Junior Members Section hopes to accomplish the following things in 1935-1936:

1. The formation of local junior groups in the larger centers, and the continuance of the groups already existing, with programs and projects adapted to their individual needs, but with a gen-

eral aim of furthering the professional and cultural development of the younger librarians in their respective districts, and of offering them a means of social contact.

2. The appointment of a regional committee with representatives from well distributed smaller libraries who will try to get acquainted with the younger members of the library staffs in their districts, to sound out their needs and desires from the profession and from our organization, and to serve as the basis of future state wide plans of the Junior group.

3. To plan active participation for members of the Junior Section in the spring regional meetings, and in the fall tri-state meeting at Toledo.

4. To start, if possible, a project to study the needs of the younger librarians for guidance in their own cultural and professional development by means of reading lists worked up especially for them, or in the case of the larger centers also by means of forums, lectures, or regular courses of study for those interested.

The Junior Chairman, Miss Helen Focke, of the Cleveland Public Library, would like to hear from any Juniors in the state who have ideas they would like to have worked out, who are doing interesting work, or who would be interested in active participation in any of the above plans.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Miss Mildred W. Sandoe has made the following notes of topics that were discussed at the A. L. A. Mid-Winter Meeting in Chicago December 30-31:

UNEMPLOYMENT. Committee reported slightly improved conditions; more librarians employed; slightly higher salaries and a rather general restoration of cuts made during depression years.

ANNUITIES AND PENSIONS. Committee urged librarians, staffs and library boards in view of social security act, which excludes most library workers, to try to arrange in some way for old age security for library workers. Mr. Bostwick said that librarians have young minds or they would realize that we all grow old and even die and that we must not let our youthful outlook hide from us the fact that years will come when annuities and pensions will be needed. Mr. Brigham urged immediate action as very favorable terms can still be secured but these cannot be had after April 1938.

STATE AID. The A.L.A. reaffirmed its belief in the importance of State Aid for libraries and called attention to the successful attempts of Illinois and Ohio to secure such aid. The fact that sources of local revenue are being changed to swing this revenue into state rather than local funds seems one very logical reason for demanding state aid.

STATE LIBRARY

Mr. Noon has written to say that every book of the two hundred and fifty thousand in the traveling library division is in circulation. The State Library is compelled to turn down requests for books at the average rate of eight thousand per day.

Mr. Noon is personally conducting work on contemporary writers under the auspices of the Ohio School of the Air through station W.L.W.

Miss Bertha Krauss formerly of Ottowa, Ohio, has been appointed cataloguer of the rare books and manuscripts at the Ohio State Library. Some valuable material containing interesting items which have been uncatalogued in the State Library for over a century are being brought to light.

The State Library is also conducting extension projects with the aid of WPA funds in Athens and Washington counties. This is a continuation of the work begun two years ago by Miss Daisy Mary Smith. The Washington county project is under the direction of Miss Mary Alice Justice. Both Miss Smith and Miss Justice are trained librarians.

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STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

Mr. Noon writes that nearly all the state aid checks have been distributed. Mr. Noon and Miss Sandoe have delivered many of them personally in connection with the state-wide survey that is being conducted.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Mrs. Nelle Dunlap of Hillsboro, Ohio, was appointed some weeks ago as a member of the State Library Board. Mrs. Dunlay takes the place of Reverend R. R. Fillbrandt of Cincinnati who has been a member since 1927.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
October 4, 1935—December 31, 1935

RECEIPTS		
Balance on hand, annual report, October 4, 1935	$1,911.52	
Memberships	178.00	
Exhibitors, Cleveland convention	193.00	
Miscellaneous (Citizens' Dinner)	31.95	
Interest	6.87	
	$2,321.34	
EXPENDITURES		
Annual Convention, Cleveland	$ 621.94	
President's office	59.66	
Secretary's office	8.60	
Treasurer's office	3.00	
Executive Committee	41.95	
Anniversary Committee	120.12	
O.L.A. Bulletins	4.70	
Legislative Committee	17.78	
Citizens' Library Committee	101.36	
Preliminary Expenses, 1936 convention	15.90	
	$ 995.01	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1935		$1,326.33
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:		
Washington County Savings Loan & Bldg. Co., Marietta	$ 300.00	
Peoples Banking & Trust Co., Marietta	350.00	
New First National Bank, Marietta	100.00	
Columbian Bldg. & Loan Co., Columbus	507.48	
Western Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	58.85	
Undeposited cash	10.00	
	$1,326.33	

EDWARD A. HENRY, Treasurer
Director of Libraries
University of Cincinnati

DUES NOTICE

Mr. Henry, the new treasurer requests that dues can be sent to him at any time. A year ago there were more than 300 responses to the DUES NOTICE printed in the January bulletin. If in a large library, send dues to membership chairman. In small library, to librarian. By so doing at once much postage for DUES NOTICES can be saved.

OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN

Miss Bertha M. Schneider,
Ohio State University Library,
Columbus, Ohio.

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